

REMARKS

A Request for Continued Examination is being filed with the present Amendment together with a petition for a three month extension of time.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner maintained the rejections to claims 7-16 over Vargo. New claims 17-27 have been added to claim additional features of the invention.

In maintaining the rejections, the Examiner has maintained that the claim 7 limitation "said remaining retained blocks are encoded into said data packet as redundant data block" is anticipated by Vargo's disclosure of his level two redundancy of FEC encoding. Applicant's suggests a conference, via live or telephone, between the inventors, counsel, and the Examiner to allow the inventors to explain the differences between the claimed invention and the FEC redundancy techniques in Vargo.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time. Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner may contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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Respectfully submitted,



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